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SUBJ: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

REF: STATE 179883

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL, UCC HAS DECIDED REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG FOR UCC PRESIDENT WILLIAM S. SNEATH AND UCC GENERAL COUNSEL FRANK R. LYON. REQUEST SENT C/O BARTLETT FOR DELIVERY TO ACHEAMPONG'S OFFICE AND SUGGESTS MEETING SEPTEMBER 20 OR 21, OR SOME OTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE.

2. EMBASSY INSTRUCTED SUPPORT UCC REQUEST BY CONTACTING APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS AND MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. SNEATH IS PREPARED MAKE PROPOSAL FOR COMPROMISE SETTLE-

MENT WHICH IS SERIOUS AND WORTHY GOG'S CONSIDERATION.

B. USG HOPES AN IMPASSE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN UCC AND GOG CAN BE AVOIDED, DUE RISK SUCH IMPASSE COULD EVOLVE INTO SITUATION THREATENING OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

C. ALTHOUGH USG HAS MADE NO DETERMINATION REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF ITS NATIONALIZATION POLICY TO DISPUTE BETWEEN UCC AND GOG, POLICY OF USG REMAINS THAT USG EXPECTS AMERICAN FIRMS RECEIVE PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION WHEN NATIONALIZED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR HADSEL SUGGESTS EMBASSY CONTACT DEBRAH FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM ALGIERS TO ASK HIS ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING APPOINTMENT.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED REPORT RESPONSES OF GHANAIAN OFFICIALS CONTACTED, AS WELL AS RESPONSE ULTIMATELY RECEIVED BY BARTLETT. RUSH

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